harvesting structures, percolation tanks, silt detention structures, farm ponds; stabilization of shiftings and dunes; plantation of miscellaneous and commercial species of trees, plants and bushes; contour vegetative hedges; afforestation, development of pastures and silvipastures are taken up to check soil erosion in the State.

Fishing Harbours in Orissa

3238. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishing harbours under construction in the State of Orissa;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to construct and upgrade some fishing harbours in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The Dhamra State-II minor fishing harbour in Bhadrak District is under construction in Orissa.

(b) to (d) The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for fishery, Bangalore, have recommended the fish landing centres at Bahabalpur and Chudamani for upgradation to fishing harbours. Based on the detailed Project report to be prepared by the State Government, and submitted to the Central Government the matter shall be further considered.

Increasing Productivity in Dry Land

3239. **SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of schemes designed to conserve and augment water resources in dry land agricultural areas for increasing production and productivity for various crops by standard norms;

(b) if so, the details of the achievements under these schemes State-wise, during Eight Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for developing improved package of agricultural practices for dry land farming areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and estimated fund likely to be available during Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) in 25 States and 2 Union Territories since 1991. The integrated watershed approach adopted under the Project aims at in situ moisture conservation through treatment of arable and non-arable lands using low cost location specific water harvesting technology and a holistic farming systems approach. The performance of the Scheme in various States is regularly reviewed at the State and national level.

(b) The details of state-wise physical achievements during 8th Plan for NWDPRA is given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) The overall responsibility for carrying out coordinated research leading to fresh initiatives for devleoping improved packages of agriculture practices for dry land farming areas is the responsibility of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under the Department of Agricultural Research & Education. The ICAR institutes specialising in dryland agriculture & soil and water conservation, namely (i) Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) at Hyderabad, (ii) Central Soil & Water Conservation Research & Training Institute at Dehradun and a special project known as All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology are developing